GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to include high schools under the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any discrepancies have been reported under SSA;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the number of schools brought under Mid Day Meal Scheme in the country including Tamil Nadu, State and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) & (b) There is no proposal to include high schools under the programme of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. However, Government of India has decided to implement a centrally sponsored scheme for universalisation of access to and improvement of quality of education at secondary stage during the 11th Five Year Plan. The objective of the scheme is to make secondary education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons by ensuring availability of a secondary school within 5 kilometers of every habitation.

(c) to (e) The report on Performance Audit of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) submitted by Comptroller & Auditor General of India 2005-06 for the period 2001-02 to 2004-05 has classified an amount of Rs. 5 3 crores a s expenditure not covered under SSA guidelines. Government of India issued instructions to the concerned States/ UTs to refund the same to State SSA account. An amount of Rs. 32.36 crore has already been recouped to SSA account. The States/UTs have been strictly instructed to avoid recurrence of such instances in future.

(f) Details in respect of schools under Mid-Day Meal scheme, State and Union Territory wise including Tamil Nadu are annexed.